Clips from Psalms

Psalms 102:25-27
Prayer of an Afflicted One for Mercy on himself and on Zion.

"Of old did you lay the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the work of thy hands. They shall perish, but you shall endure; Yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shall you change them, and they shall be changed: but you are the same, and thy years shall have no end."

A Heart of Gold

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I Corinthians chapter seven makes a statement regarding how we affect others by our attitude toward sin. Paul was made to be comforted in his inner being at the news of the Corinthian’s repentance and willingness to work out other troubling issues (2 Corinthians 7:6-7). Paul knew that the Corinthians could have done otherwise at the hearing of the straightforward charges he made against them in his first epistle to them. The Corinthians could have hardened their heart against Paul and the gospel of Jesus Christ; however, they were made sorry “after a godly sort,” and repented of their sins (1 Corinthians 7:9). Not only was Paul comforted in the Corinthian’s repentance but Titus was as well (see 2 Corinthians 7:15). Truly, our disposition toward sin in our lives affects others.

When the Apostle John wrote to the “elect lady and her children,” he “rejoiced greatly that I have found certain of thy children walking in truth, even as we received commandment from the Father” (2 John 1, 4). Again, at 3 John 4, the Apostle John said, “Greater joy have I none than this, to ear of my children walking in the truth.” When Christians really “love the brotherhood” (1 Peter 2:17) with an “unfeigned love” (1 Peter 1:22), we will be
Local News

Welcome to all Our Visitors. It is our prayer that you will be edified by our worship service today. If you have any questions regarding what we teach or practice please be our friend and talk with us.

Nina Gray went to Dallas last Monday for outpatient surgery on her neck. There were three disc giving her troubles. One was pressing on her cervical cord. She received a series of six shots to relieve the pain.

Stella Davidson is doing very well. She has more energy than she has had in a long while and is actually able to get out of her wheel chair and do a few chores.

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Paul was excited to know that the Corinthians had a heart of gold. Paul had aggressively exposed their error in his first epistle to them. Paul explains that he was testing them “that I might know the proof of you, whether ye are obedient in all things” (2 Corinthians 2:9). So, for the most part, the brethren in Corinth were willing to correct their wrongs with “fear and trembling” (2 Corinthians 7:15). Such are the people that the Lord seeks to serve him. Isaiah records, “For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite” (Isaiah 57:15). Again, David said, “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise” (Psalms 51:17).

When we obey God’s commands of love and self repentance, the way to heaven is seen clearly. As we obey from the heart the command to love others, our joy is made complete when we see the object of our love exercising a humble, contrite, and repenting spirit. This is what the Corinthians had and this is what you and I must have if we want to be with the Lord for ever. A heart of Gold!

Upside Down Lives
Isaiah 29:15-16 and Jeremiah 18:1-6

Introduction
Isaiah said that God’s people had “turned things upside down” (Isaiah 29:16 / Jeremiah 18:1-6 and Romans 9). Rather than conforming their lives to the pattern of God’s revealed words they questioned God and did things the way they wanted to. People turn their lives upside down when they do not do the things they ought to be doing. A study of upside down choices will move us to turn ourselves right side up and do the things that are right and just in this life.

I. God’s People Remembered their Idols yet forgot God (Jeremiah 17:2; 18:15).

II. God’s People had Sin Engraved into their hearts (Jeremiah 17:1; 31:33).

III. God’s people were wise to do evil but ignorant of Righteousness (Jeremiah 4:22).

IV. God’s People had their names written in the Earth rather than the book of Life (Jeremiah 17:13; Daniel 12:1; Revelation 20:15).

V. God’s Shepherds worked Against God rather than for God (Jeremiah 23:14; Ezekiel 13:1-7, 10; 2 Peter 2:1ff).

VI. God’s people often pray about things that have nothing to do with their REAL needs (Ezekiel 14:1-2).

VII. God’s people turn things upside down when their words and actions are more sinful than the wicked of the world (see Ezekiel 16:48-52).

VIII. God’s People should have been excited to see Jesus but they Killed him (Acts 2:22-24).

IX. God’s People ought to feel guilty when they sin but they often enjoy it (2 Cor 7:8-10)

X. God’s people ought to be content with the blessings we have in this life yet many often are dissatisfied, angry at their lot in life, and overall difficult to be around (Philippians 4:11).

Conclusion
What is going on with people? Why are people turning their lives upside down? The scriptures are clear on the matter. People turn their lives upside down by not doing things as God divinely reveals because their really not interested in heaven. They are spiritually short sighted and can only see the immediate joy that this earth offers. There is no better time then now to awaken from the slumber of spiritual sloth.